

ax, when Mr. Baird, of Pottstown, near Philadelphia, came and engaged him to survey some land on the Lackawaxen, for him. Again in July, while in the employment of Mr. Jirah Mumford, who released him from an engagement to work for him, he left on a surveying tour for the same man, through different parts of this region of the State. On his return he resumed his engagement with Mr. Mumford, and worked till the 18th of October, when he started on his return to Williamstown. To secure the great object for which he had left home, he took a circuitous route. He followed the Susquehanna from Great Bend to Owego, from thence he went to the Cayuga Lake, then taking the Genesee road he passed through Oneida and Whitesboro, and then down the Mohawk through Albany to Williamstown, making a distance travelled since he left home, of 900 miles, most of which he had performed on foot.

In the next spring, 1794, he left with the same object in view. He went to Philadelphia, and from thence came to this place, and then proceeded westward as far as Lake Ontario. Again, in December, 1795, he went to Philadelphia, in which city and vicinity he remained until July, when after some hesitation whether to settle in Pennsylvania or Western New York, he decided upon the former.

He then proceeded up through Pottstown and Nazareth, slept in the woods one night near Blooming Grove, then followed up the Lackawaxen through where Honesdale now stands, to this place. He engaged to Mr. Mumford again, in mowing, that he

might, as he says, "harden his hands for chopping." He had deliberately made up his mind, after exploring the best portions of New York and Pennsylvania, here to settle and spend his life. He had seen more promising fields for wealth, but he regarded the character of the society in which he was to live and educate his family as of more importance than the rapid increase of riches. With such principles he could pass over the most fertile soil and locate upon these hills.

The result has confirmed his wisdom. The difficulties he ~~has~~ met in the early settlement of this county, developed those sterling qualities of mind and heart which have made him a distinguished and useful man. In his first effort he encountered difficulties which would have *disheartened* many persons. But when once his mind was fixed upon any object to be accomplished, nothing but absolute impossibilities deterred him. He had designed to encamp upon the land which he had purchased in the eastern part of this town, and commence clearing the land, but no pork could be obtained in the settlement. This being a necessary article in this work, he went to Blooming Grove, bought nineteen pounds, at one shilling per pound, and some salt, at the rate of \$3 per bushel, and returned with them upon his back. But now, when ready to enter upon his enterprise, he was afflicted with a severe sickness. He was confined for five weeks at the residence of Mr. Elijah Dix, part of the time helpless, and apparently nigh unto death. When he had sufficiently recovered he